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Public-comment draft now available for fiscal year 2006 – 2007 Performance Partnership Agreement

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The draft Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) between the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), for fiscal year 2006-2007, is open for public comment from April 29 through May 31, 2005.

The draft will be available on the Internet by April 29, 2005, at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0501001.html>. The Internet is the preferred method for getting copies of the document. You may ask for a printed copy from either of the contact people listed to the left.

All written public comments must be received by June 3, 2005. **Comments received after this date will not be considered.** We will summarize comments and responses, and provide them in the final version of the PPA. All comments that result in changes to the PPA will be specifically noted in the Responsiveness Summary.

The environmental PPA is a contract that documents commitments between Ecology and the federal EPA. The agreement includes activities of the water-quality, hazardous-waste, nuclear-waste and air-quality divisions at Ecology and EPA for the period from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007. It is scheduled to coincide with the state's biennial-budget process.

The purpose of the Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement is to:

- Establish mutual environmental goals, strategies, activities and performance measurement during state fiscal years 2006 and 2007.
- Maintain a core level of environmental protection for all Washington citizens.
- Measure environmental progress using indicators that show environmental conditions, trends and results.
- Allocate Ecology and EPA Region 10 resources to the highest environmental priorities of the state.
- Establish a joint work plan for administering the federal grant dollars that EPA Region 10 provides to Ecology for air-quality, water-quality and hazardous-waste management.

The basis for the commitments and plans contained in this PPA are the result of joint management and staff agreements developed by Ecology and EPA. The PPA will reflect any changes that arise as priorities for environmental investment evolve.

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